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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and has the honour on behalf of the CICA Chairmanship to forward a draft outcome document of the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues scheduled for August 2024.

The CICA Chairmanship proposes to hold an online experts meeting to discuss the draft outcome document on 4 June 2024 at 14:30 Astana time.

Additionally, the CICA Secretariat kindly requests to submit the enclosed completed registration form by 31 May 2024.

*Enclosure:
as stated,
on 7 p.*

Please join the online experts meeting by following the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86711558388?pwd=1hX0Qp7xrMsvBKsv21A1chbwAYjCQh.1>

Meeting ID: 867 1155 8388

Passcode: 801720

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Astana, 10 May 2024



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и от имени Председательства СВМДА имеет честь направить проект итогового документа Ministerской конференции СВМДА по проблемам экологии, запланированной на август 2024 года.

*Приложение:
упомянутое,
на 7 л.*

Председательство СВМДА предлагает провести встречу экспертов в формате онлайн для обсуждения проекта итогового документа 4 июня 2024 года в 14:30 по времени г.Астаны.

В этой связи, Секретариат СВМДА просит направить прилагаемую заполненную регистрационную форму до 31 мая 2024 года.

Просьба подключиться к онлайн-встрече экспертов по следующей ссылке:

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Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем высоком уважении.

город Астана, 10 мая 2024 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
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Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (Азия Кеңесінің) Хатшылығы Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіреді және Азия Кеңесінің Төрағалығы атынан 2024 жылғы тамызда өтетін Азия Кеңесінің Экология мәселелері жөніндегі министрлік конференциясының қорытынды құжат жобасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

Азия Кеңесінің Төрағалығы 2024 жылғы 4 маусымда Астана қаласы уақыты бойынша сағат 14:30-да қорытынды құжат жобасын талқылау үшін онлайн-форматта сарапшылар кездесуін өткізуді ұсынады.

Сонымен қатар, Азия Кеңесінің Хатшылығы қоса беріліп отырған толтырылған тіркеу нысанын 2024 жылғы 31 мамырға дейін жіберуді сұрайды.

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Сарапшылар онлайн-кездесуіне келесі сілтеме бойынша қосылуды сұраймыз:

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Хатшылық осы мүмкіндікті пайдалана отырып, Азия Кеңесіне мүше мемлекеттерге өзінің зор ілтипатын тағы да растайды.

Астана қаласы, 2024 жылғы 10 мамыр

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
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МҮШЕ МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕР**



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Secretariat

DRAFT AGENDA

of the online CICA experts meeting
on 4 June 2024 at 14:30 by the time of Astana (GMT+5)

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Draft outcome document of the CICA ministerial conference on environmental issues in August 2024**
- 3. Any other business**

HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT OF THE CICA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Astana, 28 August 2024

We, the Ministers responsible for environmental affairs and high-level representatives of the Member States of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), convened in Astana for the CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues on 28 August 2024, at the invitation of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan,

Expressing gratitude to President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev for his visionary initiative during the Sixth CICA Summit to hold this Conference,

Reaffirming our commitment to addressing the urgent environmental challenges facing the CICA region and acknowledging the increasing impact of climate change and its potential implications,

Ensuring just, orderly, fair and equitable transitions towards low-emission, climate-resilient and sustainable economies with due regard to the issue of decarbonization,

Mindful of our common but differentiated responsibilities to preserve, protect and improve our environment for the present and future generations, stressing the importance of fostering cooperation and implementing effective measures to address pressing environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, recognizing that Asia's diversity and rich potential in natural resources in a rapidly changing climate requires collaborative efforts to ensure the conservation of our natural resources and mitigation of environmental risks as well as adaptation to such risks,

Emphasizing cooperation in confronting climate disasters before and after they occur and delivering humanitarian and environmental aid to citizens of countries,

Encouraging CICA Member States to submit joint regional projects to confront the negative effects of climate change and nature loss and pollution, holding conferences and seminars for CICA countries to enhance environmental cooperation,

Committing to supporting CICA Member States in achieving their environmental goals and to promoting sustainability in our nations,

Recognizing the vulnerability of many CICA Member States to climate change, stressing collective action on the basis of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, encouraging developed countries to provide new financial sources to finance adaptation and mitigation measures of developing countries to address [loss and damage and adaptation issues] (-AZ) [climate change] (+AZ),

Acknowledging the comprehensive significance of a green economy in the context of sustainable development, strongly committing to adopting measures to increase ecological awareness and cultivate ecological culture, striving to exchange knowledge, best practices and practical experiences on circular economy and enhance cooperation for sustainable development goals in a balanced and integrated manner under the CICA platform, while recognizing the special capacities and capabilities of developing countries in this regard.

Emphasizing the critical importance of multilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange among CICA Member States, including the regional implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

[Taking into consideration the key principles to address pollution within our region focused on three pillars: eliminate waste and pollution, circulate products and materials (at their highest value), and regenerate nature.] (+CAM) (-EGY) (+AZ)

Emphasizing the critical nature of clean water, water conservation, climate resilience in the water sector, as well as marine and coastal ecosystem conservation, stressing the importance of continuous efforts for restoration of coastal ecosystem for coastal protection as well as enhancing integrated and sustainable water management related to environment at all appropriate levels through extensive exchange of best practices.

Encouraging the strengthening of cooperation in the field of adaptation [and mitigation] (+AZ), especially the agriculture, health, and water sectors, to achieve water sustainability, food security and nutrition and good health for all countries.

DECIDED TO CHART THE FUTURE COURSE OF OUR COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. [Acknowledging the vital need for permanent regional collaboration and consistent sharing of best practices, fostering regular meetings, and jointly formulating strategies, as appropriate, to tackle environmental challenges within the CICA framework, we believe it is rational to institutionalize cooperation between CICA Member States in the field of ecology and the environment by creating a CICA advisory body, namely the CICA Environmental Council. This recommendation reflects our collective commitment to proactive and sustained efforts in addressing the pressing environmental issues facing our region.] (-RUS) (-IND) (+CHAIR) (-AZ)

1. Alt

[«Acknowledging the vital need for proactive and sustained efforts in addressing the pressing environmental issues facing our region, permanent regional collaboration and consistent sharing of best practices, fostering regular meetings, formulating strategies, as appropriate, and continuously addressing environmental challenges within the CICA framework, we believe it could be beneficial to foster cooperation between the CICA Member States in the field of environment and recommend exploring the possibility of institutionalizing cooperation between the CICA Member States in the field of environment.»]

(+CHAIR)

2. In pursuit of sustainable environmental policy, we advocate the initiation of discussions and exchange of experiences of Carbon Market among CICA Member States, in respect to the capabilities of each country.
3. We commit to strengthening cooperation in the field of water management related to environment, including capacity building and mutual technological transfer especially in line with the sustainable development goals.
4. Understanding the gravity of climate change and its cross-cutting impact on our region, we affirm our commitment to engage in exchange of experiences, best practices and achievements to tackle climate change and its impact and adaptation within the purview of UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement and in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. These actions will address the negative consequences of environmental factors and engage all relevant stakeholders in a collective effort to promote environmental awareness in the CICA region.
5. We commit to increasing capacity building efforts across various aspects of marine and coastal management, biodiversity conservation, marine and

coastal spatial planning, coastal ecosystem protection and restoration, to empower stakeholders with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective and sustainable management practices.

6. We commit to strengthening the exchange of experience on climate change, biodiversity loss, [land degradation] (+AZ) and air pollution control caused by industry, energy, and transport to improve the air quality, and enhance the quality of life and health.

In conclusion, we reiterate our commitment to the principles of CICA and our common but differentiated responsibilities to address environmental and climate challenges. This High-level statement serves as a testament to our collective determination to create a sustainable future for the CICA region.

Astana, 28 August 2024



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REGISTRATION FORM

for the online experts meeting to discuss the draft outcome document of the
CICA Ministerial Conference on Environmental Issues in August 2024.

Tuesday, 4 June 2024, 14:30 (GMT+5) Astana time

Member State:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Organization and position:	
Phone number:	
E-mail:	

Kindly **type in** your information and return this registration form **by 31 May 2024 to the following e-mail address:** a.kapyshev@s-cica.org